

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ali LAAYOUN et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR LABELING A NUCLEIC ACID

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

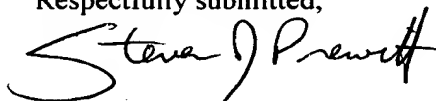
Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 7, line 31, change "Arkadiusz et al." to --Bibillo--.

**REMARKS**

Early and favorable consideration of the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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